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Edie Lederer...in the spotlight



Colleagues,

Good Saturday morning!

Today's issue of Connecting brings you more photos from the 25-Year Club Celebration in New York AP headquarters on Thursday night - with thanks to photographer **Stuart Ramson** for his photos and to colleague **Santos Chaparro** for sharing.

The photo at the top of the page comes from **Jessica Bruce**, AP senior vice president in charge of Global Human Resources and Corporate Communications, who introduced the honorees with AP President and CEO **Gary Pruitt**.

As **Edie Lederer** - chief United Nations correspondent who was honored for her 50 years with the AP - was introduced by Jessica and took the podium, Jessica stepped back and snapped this unusual, very cool photo. That's Connecting colleague and AP retiree **Marty Steinberg** in the audience.

Here are more photos from the celebration:



Chief U.N. Correspondent Edith Lederer, center, marking 50 years of AP service, laughs as she is honored by AP President Gary Pruitt and Senior Vice President Jessica Bruce. (Photos by Stuart Ramson)



White Plains, N.Y., Correspondent Jim Fitzgerald, left, marking 45 years of AP service, with AP President Gary Pruitt.



New York-based 40-year honorees with AP President Gary Pruitt. From left are: Pruitt, Guy Palmiotto, Kathy Willens and David Crary.



Thirty-five-year honorees pose with AP President Gary Pruitt. From left are: Chris Sullivan, Roland Rochet, Susan Clark, Pruitt, Carol Strongin, Ed McCullough, Eugene Kim and Steve Moyes.



Thirty-year honorees pose with AP President Gary Pruitt. From left are: Maggie Bergara, Randy Herschaft, Tom McElroy, Pruitt, Barbara Woike, Sandy Kozel and John Kiernan. (Photo by Stuart Ramson)



Twenty-five-year honorees pose with AP President Gary Pruitt. From left are: Bill Kole, Pruitt, Jacqueline Arzt Larma, Roseann Treloar, Robert Salsberg, Santiago Lyon and Pat Kiernan. (Photo by Stuart Ramson)



And an attentive, appreciative audience.

True: Fact-checking a single Donald Trump speech required 12 AP writers

By ERIC WEMPLE

The Washington Post

There's a straightforward case to be made for media outlets broadcasting a Donald Trump speech as it proceeds. That's the way TV networks have traditionally done things; people deserve an unfiltered look at their presidential candidates; any distortions or lies or misrepresentations made by the candidate can be corrected by journalists after the event.

That model finds itself in crisis, thanks to Trump's voracity for mendacity. Wednesday he gave a speech in New York City attacking Hillary Clinton for a range of shortcomings. He talked about her integrity ("Hillary Clinton has perfected the politics of personal profit and even theft."), about her tenure as secretary of state ("Her decisions spread death, destruction and terrorism everywhere she touched."), about many other topics ("I only want to admit people who share our values and love our people.")

Want to know how much of the speech was pure nonsense? Just alight on this fact-check by the Associated Press. "Donald Trump's fierce denunciation of Hillary Clinton on Wednesday was rife with distortion," reads the first line of the fact-check. Among the statements that the AP faults are ones that tagged Clinton for: a misguided Iraq withdrawal date announcement (not "on her watch") and a misguided invasion of Libya (there was no invasion); launching Iran into Middle Eastern hegemony (such arguments came before Clinton's term as secretary of state); denying "all" requests for security upgrades for the U.S. diplomatic installation in Benghazi (not all were denied); wanting to spend "hundreds of billions" to resettle Middle Eastern refugees in the United States ("baffling," concludes the AP); accepting "\$58,000 in jewelry from the government of Brunei when she was secretary of state" (gift went to the U.S. government); letting the U.S. trade deficit with China to go up by 40 percent (that's "more than double the actual increase"); a plan to "admit hundreds of thousands of refugees from the most dangerous countries on Earth, with no way to screen who they are, what they are, what they believe, where they come from" (actually, Clinton has advocated extensive screening); creating open borders in the United States (not). He also said that the U.S. was "the highest-taxed nation in the world" ("Closer to the opposite is true."); that Obamacare is killing jobs (job growth has been "solid" since Obamacare started); and that his tax plan would create "millions of new jobs and lower taxes for everyone" (not according to "most economists").

With all his falsehoods and distortions, Trump siphoned off a whole platoon of journalistic talent that could have been doing other things (like investigating Trump University, for example). Here's the tagline on the AP fact-check:

Associated Press writers Christopher S. Rugaber, Chad Day, Michael Biesecker, Eileen Sullivan, Alicia A. Caldwell, Jeff Horwitz, Nancy Benac, Matthew Lee, Jill Colvin and Cal Woodward contributed to this story.

Next time Trump approaches the podium, some enterprising - and perhaps grandstanding - broadcaster might consider airing only those parts that can be confirmed. It might be a short presentation.

[Click here](#) for a link to this story. Shared by Bob Daugherty.

Connecting mailbox

Mort Rosenblum nailed David Lamb's essential humanity

George Krimsky - I can't think of anyone more apt than Mort Rosenblum to write an appreciation of David Lamb, who died June 8 and is being celebrated today (Saturday, 06-25) at the National Press Club. He did Dave justice in CONNECTING yesterday.

Of course, Mort is always as quotable as a month of late-night hosts, but most importantly he nailed David's essential humanity. You couldn't resist the guy.

It's important to note that David was a Unipresser who never worked for AP. But as competitor and later LA Timesman, he always won us over. Even though I hadn't seen him in many years, I'll still miss him.

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Standing in the middle, photographing conflict



Jerusalem-born photographer **Muhammed Muheisen** grew up with news, keeping a camera around his neck. Early on, he learned a precious lesson: to photograph conflict, you have to position yourself in the middle. As AP's Chief Photographer for the Middle East, Afghanistan and Pakistan he has been roaming the region for the past decade, photographing wars and the people caught up in them. His work has received numerous awards, among others, Breaking News Pulitzer Prize winner in 2005 and 2013 for covering the war in Iraq and the civil war in Syria.

[Click here](#) to hear the BBC audio.

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Text accidentally sent to AP: Lawyer seeks plea deal, doubts Manziel can stay clean

DALLAS (AP) - An attorney handling Johnny Manziel's domestic violence case expressed doubts about the Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback's ability to stay clean and said he was given a receipt that shows Manziel may have spent more than \$1,000 at a drug paraphernalia store just 15 hours after he was involved in a hit-and-run crash, according to a lengthy text message accidentally sent to The Associated Press.

Defense attorney Bob Hinton's text indicated Manziel's legal team was seeking a plea deal with prosecutors, but suggested that could be tricky.

"Heaven help us if one of the conditions is to pee in a bottle," the attorney wrote.

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Lessons learned from Orlando: An APME-AP collaboration



APME - Join us for a lunchtime conversation with Brian Carovillano, vice president for U.S. news, to learn how the Associated Press covered the tragic shooting within the Pulse nightclub. This event is part of an APME training series to help newsrooms excel at journalism.

[Click here](#) to view the video.

New-member profile - Jaime Aron

Jaime Aron ([Email](#)) - I spent more than 20 years with the AP, all in Texas. I started as a vacation relief staffer in Houston, then Austin, then moved to Dallas in 1992. I became Texas Sports Editor in 1999 and remained in that role through January 2012. I covered seven Olympics, as well as multiple Super Bowls, World Series, NBA Finals and Stanley Cup finals. I was the AP Sports Writer of the Year in 2001, and a first-person story I wrote about my twins being born extremely premature won honorable mention for Feature of the Year in 2008. I also wrote five books about Dallas-area sports teams, mostly the Cowboys.

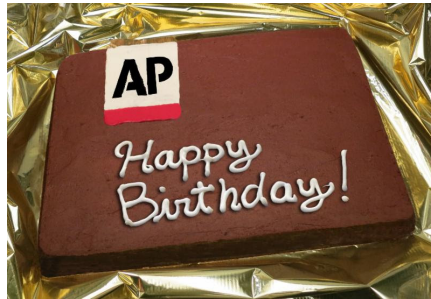


I left AP to become a writer for the American Heart Association, a job that's morphed into being part of the team that runs the organization's news site. I've also taught sports journalism at the University of North Texas and become a mentor of sorts to another pupil: one of my twins, who is a Kid Reporter for Sports Illustrated for Kids. I rode his coat tails to the Final Four and the college football national championship game.

My biggest post-AP change is going from hating running to having completed two half-marathons. My story on that radical (and rapid) conversion ran on the Huffington Post website ([click here](#)). A story about watching my son cover the Final Four ran on the SI Kids

website ([click here](#)). I haven't totally kicked the sports writing habit as I have another Cowboys book coming out this fall.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Welcome to Connecting



Enid Nemy

Stories of interest

Media dissect Brexit with an eye toward finance, politics and soccer (Poynter)

The cable news networks morphed into a golf resort infomercial Friday as they aired Donald Trump in Turnberry, Scotland while he heralded the supposedly wondrous renovations and management at a renowned course.

Then, after what seemed longer than 18 bogey-filled holes amid the seaside winds and heather, he opened up to questions and their thrust was unavoidable: the vote by Great Britain to leave the European Union.

"BRITAIN STUNS WORLD WITH VOTE TO LEAVE E.U.; CAMERON PLANS TO RESIGN," declared The New York Times on its primary news story.

This was a day on which print tended to have greater allure than TV due to the complexity of the matter, confusion about what beckons in the short term and what it might all mean in the grand scheme of things internationally. Doubt intermingled with somewhat apocalyptic visions and, of course, a glut of hot takes that were in sync with the particular niche of various publications.

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CNN's Lewandowski joins stable of former operatives on news



NEW YORK (AP) - Corey Lewandowski, who debuted as a CNN contributor three days after being fired as Donald Trump's campaign manager, is hardly the only political operative that a cable news network is paying to talk about politics.

Paul Begala (Bill Clinton's former aide), David Axelrod (Barack Obama), Karl Rove (George W. Bush), Steve Schmidt (John McCain), Donna Brazile (Al Gore) and Joe Trippi (Howard Dean) all work at either CNN, Fox News Channel or MSNBC.

But the speed of Lewandowski's switch this week, his background of hostility toward reporters and questions about his loyalty make his hire stand out.

"It's really an example of a revolving door between the media and politics that is spinning off the hinges," said Jane Hall, communications professor at American University.

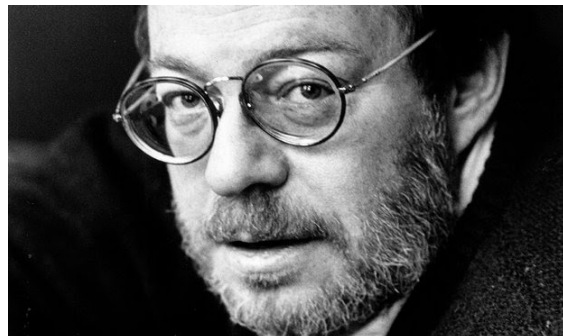
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Michael Herr, author of *Dispatches*, dies aged 76 (Guardian)

Michael Herr, the American writer and war correspondent famous for writing *Dispatches*, described as "the best book I have ever read on men and war in our time" by John le Carré, has died aged 76.

Born in 1940, Herr was one of the most respected writers of New Journalism, the novelistic reportage pioneered by the likes of Tom Wolfe and Truman Capote, where the journalist is as much part of the story as their



subject. He practised this most famously in his book *Dispatches*, about his time working as a war correspondent for *Esquire* magazine in Vietnam between 1967 to 1969.

Using traditionally literary techniques to convey the harsh realities of the war he experienced firsthand, Herr produced a unique, uncensored account of life among the conscripted troops. He avoided the US government's daily press conferences, instead placing himself among the soldiers to document the fear, exhaustion and drugs he saw among the fighters.

[Click here](#) to read more.

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Mark Zuckerberg Covers His Laptop Camera. You Should Consider It, Too (New York Times)

Mark Zuckerberg is one of the most powerful men in the world because billions of people give Facebook, which he founded, free access to their personal data. In return, users receive carefully curated snapshots of his life: baby photos, mundane office tours and the occasional 5K.

On Tuesday, observers were reminded that Mr. Zuckerberg, 32, is not just a normal guy who enjoys running and quiet dinners with friends. In a photoposted to his Facebook account, he celebrated the growing user base of Instagram, which is owned by Facebook. An eagle-eyed Twitter user named Chris Olson noticed that in the image's background, his laptop camera and microphone jack appeared to be covered with tape.

Other publications, including Gizmodo, used the tweet to raise the question: Was this paranoia, or just good practice?

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Today in History - June 25, 2016



By The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, June 25, the 177th day of 2016. There are 189 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 25, 1906, architect Stanford White was shot to death atop New York's (second) Madison Square Garden, which he had designed, by millionaire Harry K. Thaw, who was

apparently enraged over what he viewed as White's defilement of his wife, Evelyn Nesbit, when Nesbit was a teenager. (Thaw was acquitted of murder by reason of insanity.)

On this date:

In 1788, Virginia ratified the U.S. Constitution.

In 1876, Lt. Col. Colonel George A. Custer and his 7th Cavalry were wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians in the Battle of the Little Bighorn in Montana.

In 1910, President William Howard Taft signed the White-Slave Traffic Act, more popularly known as the Mann Act, which made it illegal to transport women across state lines for "immoral" purposes.

In 1938, the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 was enacted.

In 1950, war broke out in Korea as forces from the communist North invaded the South.

In 1959, spree killer Charles Starkweather, 20, was put to death in Nebraska's electric chair. Eamon de Valera was inaugurated as president of Ireland.

In 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that recitation of a state-sponsored prayer in New York State public schools was unconstitutional.

In 1975, the government of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi declared a state of emergency aimed at cracking down on political opponents. (The state of emergency was lifted in March 1977.)

In 1981, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that male-only draft registration was constitutional.

In 1995, Warren Burger, the 15th chief justice of the United States, died in Washington at age 87.

In 1996, a truck bomb killed 19 Americans and injured hundreds at a U.S. military housing complex in Saudi Arabia. The science-fiction thriller "Independence Day," about an alien attack on Earth, had its world premiere in Los Angeles.

In 2009, death claimed Michael Jackson, the "King of Pop," in Los Angeles at age 50 and actress Farrah Fawcett in Santa Monica, California, at age 62.

Ten years ago: Palestinian militants kidnapped an Israeli soldier, Cpl. Gilad Shalit, after tunneling under the border and attacking a military post, killing two other soldiers. (Shalit was eventually freed in a prisoner exchange.) An al-Qaida-linked group posted a Web video showing the killings of three Russian Embassy workers who'd been abducted in Iraq; a statement from the group said a fourth worker had also been slain. Actress Nicole Kidman married country singer Keith Urban in Sydney, Australia.

Five years ago: A suicide car bomber blasted a small clinic in eastern Afghanistan, causing the building to collapse and killing some three dozen people. What's believed to be the only surviving authenticated portrait of Billy the Kid sold at auction in Denver for \$2.3 million.

One year ago: The U.S. Supreme Court upheld nationwide tax subsidies under President Barack Obama's health care overhaul in a 6-3 ruling that preserved health insurance for millions of Americans. Univision's UniMas network announced it was dropping its Spanish-language coverage of the Miss USA pageant in a spiraling controversy over comments made by Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, a part owner of the Miss Universe pageant, about Mexican immigrants. Actor Patrick Macnee, 93, died in Rancho Mirage, California.

Today's Birthdays: Actress June Lockhart is 91. Civil rights activist James Meredith is 83. Rhythm-and-blues singer Eddie Floyd is 79. Actress Barbara Montgomery is 77. Actress Mary Beth Peil (peel) is 76. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Willis Reed is 74. Singer Carly Simon is 71. Rock musician Ian McDonald (Foreigner; King Crimson) is 70. Actor-comedian Jimmie Walker is 69. Actor-director Michael Lembeck is 68. TV personality Phyllis George is 67. Rock singer Tim Finn is 64. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor is 62. Rock musician David Paich (Toto) is 62. Actor Michael Sabatino is 61. Celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain is 60.

Actor-writer-director Ricky Gervais (jer-VAYZ') is 55. Actor John Benjamin Hickey is 53. Rock singer George Michael is 53. Actress Erica Gimpel is 52. Retired NBA All-Star Dikembe Mutombo (dih-KEHM'-bay moo-TAHM'-boh) is 50. Rapper-producer Richie Rich is 49. Rapper Candyman is 48. Contemporary Christian musician Sean Kelly (Sixpence None the Richer) is 45. Actress Angela Kinsey is 45. Rock musician Mike Kroeger (KROO'-gur) (Nickelback) is 44. Rock musician Mario Calire is 42. Actress Linda Cardellini is 41. Actress Busy Philipps is 37.

Thought for Today: "Jealousy is the grave of affection." - Mary Baker Eddy, American religious leader (1821-1910).

Got a story to share?



Got a story to share? A favorite memory of your AP days? Don't keep them to yourself. Share with your colleagues by sending to Ye Olde Connecting Editor. And don't forget to include photos!

Here are some suggestions:

- **Spousal support** - How your spouse helped in supporting your work during your AP career.
- **My most unusual story** - tell us about an unusual, off the wall story that you covered.
- **"A silly mistake that you make"** - a chance to 'fess up with a memorable mistake in your journalistic career.
- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.
- **Volunteering** - benefit your colleagues by sharing volunteer stories - with ideas on such work they can do themselves.
- **First job** - How did you get your first job in journalism?
- **Connecting "selfies"** - a word and photo self-profile of you and your career, and what you are doing today. Both for new members and those who have been with us

a while.

- **Life after AP** for those of you who have moved on to another job or profession.
- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.

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